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Embassy of Switzerland in Hungary

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Programme Anniversary Year 2026

Join us in celebrating 80 years of diplomatic relations between Switzerland and Hungary! In 1946, diplomatic relations between the two countries were resumed after a brief interruption at the end of the Second World War. Since then, close and diverse relations have developed, which is reflected in the anniversary motto **‘Connected in many ways!’** and in the logo. Featuring the national colours of both countries, the logo incorporates the edelweiss and tulip, the national floral symbols of both countries, symbolising the flourishing and cultivation of diplomatic relations.

The following programme allows you to discover the multifaceted relations between Switzerland and Hungary.

The anniversary year will also be accompanied by our **“Faces and Stories”** campaign. Throughout the second half of the year, portraits showcase individuals who embody the diversity of the ties between Switzerland and Hungary. Take a look at our social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)) – all posts relating to the anniversary year can be found under the hashtag #CH80HU.

MARCH

Francophonie



04.03.26 – 12.03.26 | [A38](#), [Uránia cinema](#) and [Institut français de Hongrie](#), Budapest

the occasion of the Month of Francophonie, Chaufau and Barrio Colette will perform a concert at [A38](#) on 28 March. At [Uránia cinema](#), the Swiss films “[Les courageux](#)” and “[La cache](#)” will be screened. Switzerland is also represented at various competitions and at the “Village de la Francophonie” at the [Institut français de Hongrie](#) on 20 March.

Exhibition of the tomb slab of Elizabeth of Hungary



06.03.2026 – December | [Szent István Király Múzeum](#), Székesfehérvár

The 14th-century tomb slab from the Swiss National Museum in Zurich is on display in Székesfehérvár this year. Tickets and further information are available on the museum’s [website](#).

Presentation and discussion: “What makes a strong currency? The secret of the Swiss Franc”



10.03.26 | [Corvinus University Budapest](#), main building

Building on the recently published book “The Swiss Franc 1798–2055” by Dr. Costa Vayenas, the event bridges academic analysis, practical policymaking and market perspectives. Register [here](#) and join the discussion.

Photo Brut Conference



09.03.26 | [Capa Center](#), Budapest

The conference with Swiss participation highlights Photo Brut: a photographic practice that combines photography with psychology and art history. Further information can be found [here](#).

The Young Gods and Tout Bleu



11.03.26 | [A38](#), Budapest

Immerse yourself in electronic music with the two Swiss bands. Tickets and further information are available [here](#). Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Black Sea Dahu and Solong



22.03.26 | [House of Music](#), Budapest

The five-piece band [Black Sea Dahu](#) and the musician [Solong](#) are performing in Hungary for the first time. Find out more about their performance [here](#). Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Four ensembles of the European Chamber Music Academy (ECMA)



22.03.26 | Solti Hall at the [Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music](#), Budapest

Immerse yourself in classical music with four young and talented ensembles in two concerts at [4:00 pm](#) and [7:00 pm](#). The first concert features the internationally renowned Turicum Quartet, founded in Zurich.

Exhibition: “Desire for an Earthly Paradise – Masterpieces of Swiss Art from the Christoph Blocher Collection”



26.03.26 – 07.06.26 | [Museum of Fine Arts](#), Budapest

For the first time, the significant private collection of Swiss art assembled by Christoph Blocher is being exhibited outside Switzerland. The exhibition presents around 60 works, including pieces by Albert Anker, Ferdinand Hodler and Cuno Amiet.

Photo exhibition René Burri: “Utopia”



28.03.26 – 26.06.26 | [Hall of Art](#), Budapest

The [Budapest Fotó Fesztivál](#) celebrates its tenth anniversary in 2026. The opening exhibition is organised in collaboration with the [Műcsarnok](#) and once again presents a world-renowned photographer from the circle of [Magnum Photos](#). This year, iconic photographs by [René Burri](#) will be on display.

APRIL

Music project «Charles River» by Florian Arbenz



09.04.26 | [Budapest Music Center](#)

Swiss drummer [Florian Arbenz](#) is presenting his project 'Charles River' at the [Classical:NEXT](#) festival, in which he reinterprets works by Charles Ives with an ensemble comprising classical and jazz musicians. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Wunderbar Festival



18.04.26 – 25.04.26 | Budapest and Pécs

On the occasion of the Festival of the German Language, three school classes will be received at the embassy. Further information about the festival is available [here](#).

Valentino Vivace



24.04.26 | [A38](#), Budapest

Tickets for the concert by the [pop artist](#) from Italian-speaking Switzerland are available [here](#). Supported by Pro Helvetia.



Jazz Tour by Erb-Lonberg-Holm

29.04.26 | [JAZZAJ](#), Budapest

Information about the jazz band's concert is available on the [website](#) of JAZZAJ. Supported by Pro Helvetia.



Presentation of the “Art is Business Magazine” about Swiss culture and business

30.04.26 | [Apollo Gallery](#), Budapest

More information about the “Art is Business Magazine” is available [here](#).

MAY



Andrássy input by Ambassador Alexander Renggli on Swiss European policy

07.05.26 | [Andrássy University Budapest](#)

As part of the “Current Issues” course at Andrássy University, Ambassador Alexander Renggli will provide a thematic input on Swiss European policy. Closed event.



Dirty Sound Magnet

08.05.26 | [A38](#), Budapest

At their concerts, the [Swiss trio](#) performs modern rock. Find out more [here](#). Supported by Pro Helvetia.



Europe Day

10.05.26 | Szabadság tér, Budapest

Switzerland is represented with a stand at Europe Day.



Fabienne Erni

10.05.26 | [A38](#), Budapest

With her debut solo album, Fabienne Erni brings powerful folk metal to Budapest. Tickets are available [here](#).



Barabás Lőrinc Quartet feat. Erik Truffaz

26.05.26 | [A38](#), Budapest

Swiss trumpeter [Erik Truffaz](#) and the Hungarian [Barabás Lőrinc Quartet](#) pay tribute to the iconic music of jazz musician Miles Davis on the occasion of his 100th birthday. Tickets are available [here](#).

JUNE



Discussion with Claudia Sümeghy and Tamás Yvan Topolánszky

05.06.26 | Embassy of Switzerland in Hungary

The two filmmakers Claudia Sümeghy and Tamás Yvan Topolánszky ([JUNO11](#)) provide insights into their work on the successful documentary film [Tavaszi szél – az ébredés](#) (Spring Wind – The Awakening). With Péter Magyar as its central figure, the film became the most successful Hungarian documentary in cinemas and also achieved remarkable attention online. Attendance by invitation only.



Swiss-Hungarian Innovation Forum

09.06.26 | [Budapest University of Technology and Economics](#) (BME)

The event, featuring leading representatives from science, business and public institutions, offers a platform for exchange and cooperation in the fields of innovation, research and business. Register [here](#).

JULY



Chorale des Califrenzies

02. and 03.07.26 | Vajdahunyad Vára and [Láng House of Culture](#), Budapest

The “[Chorale des Califrenzies](#)”, a choir from Collonge-Bellerive in the canton of Geneva, will be in Budapest for two performances in early July. The thirty-strong ensemble will sing in the [in the courtyard of Vajdahunyad Castle](#) on 2 July before [joining a Hungarian choir](#) on stage at the Láng House of Culture on 3 July.



Blue Ribbon Business Summit

30.07.26 | Balatonfüred

The “Blue Ribbon Business Summit” brings together business, sustainability and international partnerships. Attendance by invitation only. A limited number of registrations are available for members of [Swisscham Hungary](#).



Sound installation “INTO THE DIRT” by Dimitri de Perrot

24.07.26 – 02.08.26 | Kapolcs

At the [Valley of Arts Festival](#), Swiss sound artist Dimitri de Perrot presents his project [INTO THE DIRT](#) – a sounding floor that communicates through sound and noise. Immerse yourself in this sensory experience! Supported by Pro Helvetia.

AUGUST



Soft Loft

11.08.26 | [Sziget Festival](#), Budapest

On their European tour, [Soft Loft](#) are bringing their melancholic and dreamy sound [to the Sziget Festival](#) in Budapest, offering a taster of their new album, due for release in September. Supported by Pro Helvetia.



Mozisziget: Film “Dog on Trial” (Le procès du chien)

15.08.26 | Margitszigeti Atlétikai Centrum, Budapest

The French-Swiss comedy “Le procès du chien” will be screened as part of the EUNIC Film Festival on Margaret Island. Come and enjoy a relaxing evening of cinema under the stars from 8.00 pm. Further information is available [here](#).

SEPTEMBER

Budapest Festival Orchestra



12.09.26 | Heroes' Square

The internationally renowned [Budapest Festival Orchestra](#), founded by Iván Fischer and Zoltán Kocsis, is giving a free concert on Heroes' Square.



Anniversary celebration

15.09.26 | Embassy of Switzerland in Hungary

Attendance by invitation only.

JMO – Jan Galega Brönnimann, Moussa Cissokho and Omri Hason



22.09.26 | [Opus Jazz Club](#), Budapest

The music of the trio [JMO](#) reflects Switzerland's cultural diversity and blends traditional and modern sounds from Africa and Europe. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

OCTOBER



International Book Festival

01.10.26 – 04.10.26 | [Hungexpo](#), Budapest

Together with Germany and Austria, Switzerland is guest country at the 31st International Book Festival. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Church Choir Stäfa



03., 04. and 09.10.26 | [Láng House of Culture](#), Szent Ferenc Sebei templom and Matthias Church, Budapest

Swiss choral music in Budapest: The [Church Choir Stäfa](#) will give a concert at the Láng House of Culture on 9 October, [together with the Hungarian Stella Choir and a Welsh male voice choir](#). The choir will also take part in a [German-language Holy Mass](#) in Budapest and perform at [Matthias Church](#).

Svetlana Maraš



04.10.26 | Further information will follow.

The composer and sound artist [Svetlana Maraš](#) a lecturer in creative music technology at the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland, is performing as part of the [UH Fest](#) in Budapest. In her work, she combines experimental and electronic music in a variety of formats. Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Economic delegation EV sector Hungary



04.10.26 – 08.10.26 | Fact-finding-trip in Hungary

A delegation of Swiss companies will visit various Hungarian automotive plants and supplier companies. Registration for the trip organised by S-GE, Swisscham Hungary and SWISSMEM is handled via [SWISSMEM](#).

Sehenswert Festival



15.10.26 – 25.10.26 | [Cinema Művész](#) in Budapest, Debrecen, Szeged and Pécs

To mark the film festival's 15th anniversary, two Swiss productions are on the programme: "[Heroine](#)" by Petra Volpe and "[You Believe in Angels, Mr. Drowak?](#)" by Nicolas Steiner.

20th anniversary of Stadler Rail Hungary



29.10.26 | Further information will follow.

Stadler Rail celebrates its 20th anniversary in Hungary. The event is organised by Stadler Rail Hungary. Attendance by invitation only.

Launch of the monograph on Elemér Zalotay



30.10.26 | [MÉSZ – Kós Károly Terem](#), Budapest

Under the title "Manic Modern", Monika Annen and Tibor Joanelly present the first [monograph](#) on the Swiss-Hungarian architect and engineer Elemér Zalotay. Although Zalotay's work long received little attention, it is gaining renewed relevance in the context of current discussions on ecology, lightweight construction, and large-scale structures.

Ilya Shmukler



Date to be confirmed | [House of Music](#), Budapest

Enjoy the concert by [Ilya Shmukler](#). He is prize winner of the 2024 Géza Anda Competition, named after the famous Swiss-Hungarian pianist Géza Anda.

Presentation: “Schweizer Diplomaten in Budapest in zwei entscheidenden Jahren: 1944 und 1956”



End of October | [Andrássy University Budapest](#)

In his presentation, historian François Wisard sheds light on the historical context of bilateral relations between Switzerland and Hungary, with a particular focus on the years 1944 and 1956. The presentation will be held in German.

NOVEMBER

The ROLS Quartet



05.11.26 | [Liszt Ferenc Academy of Music](#), Budapest

The [ROLS Quartet](#), a young string quartet consisting of Raphael Nussbaumer, Oliver Barta, Laurent Bourquin, and Salome Steinmann, is performing in Budapest.

JODOKCELLO



11.11.26 | [Budapest Aréna](#)

The Swiss cellist captivates audiences with his fusion of classical and modern music. Get your tickets and find further information [here](#).

IV. Swiss-Hungarian Healthcare Forum



13.11.26 | Further information will follow.

The fourth edition of this forum once again provides a platform for fresh impulses and sustainable projects in the healthcare sector, with the aim of further developing a patient-centred and future-ready healthcare system. The registration link will follow.

Eluveitie



22.11.26 | [Barba Negra](#), Budapest

[Eluveitie](#) are bringing their distinctive folk metal sound to Budapest – including their new collaborative single with Stephan Eicher. Tickets are available [here](#). Supported by Pro Helvetia.

Delivery of first IC train for GYSEV by Stadler Rail



End of November | Further information will follow.

Stadler Rail is building eleven modern IC trains for the West Hungarian railway company GYSEV. The delivery of the first train will take place during the anniversary year. The event is organised by Stadler Rail. Attendance by invitation only.

Conference on democratic innovation with Swiss participation



End of November | [Andrássy University Budapest](#)

Further information will follow.

The programme is continuously updated. Please consult our website and social media channels ([Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [LinkedIn](#)). We welcome your suggestions and questions by email (budapest@eda.admin.ch).